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BASE-BALL.

LOCAL TEAMS HAVE GOOD GAMES SCHEDULED FOR TO-DAY.

Bloomfield Will Play the Montclair on Park Street Grounds—Watessing and Llewellyns Will Play on Arlington Avenue Grounds—Hesterfer's Trouble with Captain Gatins.

The Bloomfield Base-ball Club defeated the Bronx Field Club in a well-contested game last Saturday afternoon. The batting of Hambacher and A. Calder was a feature. The score:

BLOOMFIELD	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Hambacher, 1b.	1	3	3	0	0
A. Calder, p.	0	0	0	0	0
J. Calder, p.	0	0	0	0	0
O'Neill, 2b.	0	0	0	0	0
A. Calder, 1b.	0	0	0	0	0
Waterfield, c.	0	0	0	0	0
Youghis, s.	0	0	0	0	0
Nylander, 2b.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	3	3	0	0

BRONX F.C.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Biley, c.	0	0	0	0	0
Jones, 1b.	0	0	0	0	0
Morgan, 2b.	0	0	0	0	0
Morgan, 1b.	0	0	0	0	0
W. Zimmerman, s.	0	0	0	0	0
Lyons, 2b.	0	0	0	0	0
McFadden, c.	0	0	0	0	0
Schubert, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Daw, r.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0	0

Bloomfield 10, **Bronx** 0. Earned run—Bloomfield 1. Two-base hit—Calder, Hambacher. Passed ball—McFadden. Base on balls—OF Waterfield 1, OF Schubert 1. Hit by pitcher—Koran, Lyons. Sacrifice hit—Hague. Struck out—Calder 2, Waterfield 1, Schubert 2. Left on bases—Bloomfield 4, Bronx 2. Umpire—Murphy.

This afternoon the home team will visit East Orange and play the strong Montclair A. A. on the club grounds on the corner of Dodd and North Park streets.

The Bloomfield Club has thus far played seventeen games, having lost only two of this number. Of these two defeats the Montclair A. A. is one of the responsible parties, and the locals will use every effort to even up matters this afternoon. Let all the followers of the club who can accompany the team, and by their presence encourage the boys on to victory.

The Lincoln Base-ball Club of Newark, a strong amateur team, which, previous to its visit to Watessing last Saturday had only one defeat scored against it, met with a second crushing defeat at the hands of the Watessing Club. The visiting club could not get a line on Haven's pitching and only made three hits, and did not score. The Watessing made seven runs; the score being as follows:

WATESSING	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Ferguson, p.	0	0	0	0	0
O. Bailey, c.	0	0	0	0	0
Andrews, 2b.	0	0	0	0	0
Dunning, c.	0	0	0	0	0
Curtis, 1b.	0	0	0	0	0
Maxwell, 2b.	0	0	0	0	0
Coala, 1b.	0	0	0	0	0
Morrison, c.	0	0	0	0	0
Haven, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0	0

LINCOLN B. C.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
McHugh, 2b.	0	0	0	0	0
Fig, c.	0	0	0	0	0
McKay, 2b.	0	0	0	0	0
Parker, s.	0	0	0	0	0
Oliver, c.	0	0	0	0	0
Causbrook, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Gibb, 1b.	0	0	0	0	0
Fitzpatrick, c.	0	0	0	0	0
Devine, 2b.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0	0

Lincoln 0, **Watessing** 10. Two-base hits—Curtis, Andrews, Causbrook, Morrison. Three-base hit—Morrison. Base on balls—OF Ferguson 1, OF Bailey 1, OF Haven 1. Struck out—By Haven 1, by Causbrook 4. Double play—Maxwell to Curtis.

The Watessings will play the Llewellyns this afternoon on the Arlington avenue grounds.

Next Saturday afternoon the Bloomfield and Watessings will meet for the first time this season in a series of games.

There is trouble in the Newark base-ball team. The latest phase of the situation is the rebellion of Harry Hesterfer, the Sallores' little sub-pitcher, and the refusal of Pitcher Bartley, the recent acquisition from the Philadelphia Athletics, to accompany the team on the present Western trip. Hesterfer is at his home in this town, and, although he has been wired several times to come to Buffalo at once, he has decided not to comply with the order and declares that he does not care whether he plays with Newark again or not.

Hesterfer's grievance is against Captain Gatins, who, he asserts, has been continually nagging him. Hesterfer says that he is tired and disheartened at his treatment. From the start of the season, he says, he has been kept in hot water by the action of the Sallores' leader in having some of the other pitchers "warm up" when he is sent in to pitch, but the entire game last Saturday when Hesterfer was taken out of the game in the middle of the sixth inning at Jersey City.

"I have put up with a great deal this season," said Hesterfer when seen Saturday at his home, "but when Gatins took me out of the game Saturday at Jersey City I was sore, and I told Mortality afterward that I was through. In that game the Skeeters had only made five hits off me. When any one else is in the box and is being pounded all over the field he is allowed to remain. When I give a base on balls Gatins has a fit and walks up and down the field with his head in his hands. How is a man going

to play ball under this continual nagging?"

Hesterfer declares that he does not intend to ask for his release, but says that he has no desire to play ball with Newark under the present condition of affairs. Since Larry failed to accompany the team to Buffalo Sunday night he has been besieged with telegrams from the Newark manager to report in that city at once, but he has paid no heed to the messages. The latest wire arrived from Buffalo Tuesday night, but instead of responding in person Hesterfer sent a letter explaining his position.

Hesterfer has been a member of the Newark team ever since the club was organized four years ago, and he has always been considered one of the Sallores' best pitchers. Prior to that time he played semi-professional ball hereabouts and had an enviable reputation; Wilderness is his one weakness, though it is the general opinion that if he was worked often this fault would be overcome to a large extent.

Democratic Hopes Reviving.

The drastic application of the theory of equal taxation that it is said is being applied in Newark this year, together with the split in the Republican party and the disaffection over the new liquor bill, is stimulating hopes in the minds of Democratic leaders that there may be a radical change in political conditions this fall and that the people will be inclined to again experiment with Democratic party rule in politics. Some very important moves have been made in Democratic party circles of late and the names are designed to attract the voting population towards the Democratic party.

The election of David T. Howell as chairman of the Democratic County Committee, to succeed Laurence T. Fell, is generally regarded as an important step toward harmony in the party ranks. Mr. Howell was one of the founders of the Democratic League and has remained one of its most active and influential members. He is known as one of the sterling young Democrats of Essex county, of the progressive type.

Chairman Howell said Monday: "I mean to run the committee for the benefit of all the party. I will be chairman in fact, or they can find somebody else for the job. I have had advice since in the last four days to run any office, but I suspect I'll have to take the responsibility myself. Newark and Essex county need a strong opposition party, and if the Republican majority was 100-000 it would still be Democratic duty to make a strong, clean fight. I hope we shall win, but the fight will be made just the same."

Mr. Fell's resignation, which was accepted at a special meeting of the committee on Monday night, was due to his desire to devote his time more exclusively to the duties of his new position on the County Board of Equalization of Taxes.

"In resigning," said Mr. Fell, "I do so with great reluctance. I am not going out of the committee, so I will do what I can for the success of the party."

Former Chairman James R. Nugent of the Second ward of Newark nominated Mr. Howell and Mr. Fell seconded the nomination. A rising vote of thanks was given the retiring chairman for his faithful and efficient services. Mr. Howell, in accepting the chairmanship, said he wanted it understood that every Democrat should act upon his own judgment and independently up to the time of the conventions.

An Unacceptable Proposition.

The proposition of the Colbyites to the effect that the Republicans of this Congressional district shall turn down the Hon. R. Wayne Parker and, take up John S. Gibson instead, does not meet with the approval of many life long Republicans and of those who have been with the Republican party since the party was launched, and have a warm feeling for the Parkers who have been giants in the party and have stood for the highest type of political principles. The elder Parker was a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln and a devoted follower of the martyr president.

If the Colbyites demand the highest type of citizenship as a qualification for office, they cannot find a better exponent of that type than Congressman Parker. It would be a weak and foolish change to displace Mr. Parker with Mr. Gibson in Congress.

No Drunken at Silver Lake.

According to all accounts the application of the new liquor law has not extended to the Silver Lake section of Belleville and saloons there did a thriving business Sunday. Both of the Silver Lake saloons were open for business Sunday. One of these places is conducted by an Italian and beer flowed all day long, and many who were unknown to the proprietor were served. At the other saloon it is said the proprietor was more careful, admitting only those who were roused for by a friend.

Have your lawn mower put in shape by S. E. Townsend through Thompson Bros., Bloomfield Centre—Ad.

KURNICK LICENSE CASE.

Took Another Dramatic Turn on Monday Night—Kurnick Withdrew His Application for a Transfer—Second Ward Politicians Much Interested in the Matter.

The Max Kurnick license case is likely to prove a matter of local political significance, particularly in the Second ward, where many versions of the case are in active circulation, and some of them highly colored with sensationalism. The matter came up in Council on Monday night, when Mr. Kurnick told a story about being forced to sign an application for a transfer of his license.

"Did you want to sell out?" asked Councilman Murray.

"No," said Kurnick.

"Then withdraw your application," said Mr. Murray, and Kurnick did so.

When Kurnick's application for a license came up for action on license night it was laid over at the request of Mayor Fisher, who wanted an alleged fight in Kurnick's place investigated, and the application was laid over. When the case came up again at a subsequent meeting of the Council many citizens remonstrated against the granting of the license, largely on the ground that the place was improperly conducted and was a nuisance.

When the Council granted a license to Mr. Kurnick and justified its action on the ground that the charges of the opponents were general and vague, and could not be judicially entertained.

Councilman Green let in a side-light on the situation by an "explanation" of his vote in favor of the license. The explanation implied that Mr. Green was satisfied in his own mind that Kurnick was not a proper man to conduct a saloon, but upon personal knowledge that a transfer of the license would follow he favored granting it.

The translation put upon Mr. Green's explanation was that some kind of a deal was on, and that Mr. Green was in possession of advance knowledge.

Kurnick is now in possession of his license, but his troubles are not yet over. He will now have a business transaction to straighten out. He entered into an agreement with John R. Conlan to sell the property to a customer provided by Mr. Conlan. The papers in the case were prepared by legal counsel. The consideration named was a large one, and afforded a big profit to Kurnick. He now wants to back out of the agreement.

Kurnick's allegation that certain town officials forced him to sign an agreement that he would not otherwise have done are not given much credence in official circles, and if Mr. Conlan brings suit against Kurnick for specific performance of the agreement, Kurnick will have an opportunity to tell in court what kind of pressure he was subjected to.

Baptist Sunday-School Picnic.

The First Baptist Church Sunday-school picnic held at Bellewood on Monday was a great success. Between five and six hundred adults and children enjoyed the day's outing. The picnic grounds at Bellewood afforded all necessary facilities for enjoyment and pleasure, and every one had a good time.

Teams composed of single men and married men played a base-ball match. The teams were made up as follows: Single men—Ferguson, Maxwell, Heckel, Stone, Crump, Oakleaf, Smith, P. Maxwell and Dupre. Married men—Gehardt, Oadmus, Stein, Ferguson, Stinson, Gahn, Vreeland, Laycroft and Elkhorn. The single men won by a score of 11 to 7.

Church Notes.

Rev. Dr. Jesse L. Harbut will preach morning and evening to-morrow in the Park Methodist Episcopal Church. The subject of the evening sermon will be "The Short and Simple Way to the Kingdom."

Rev. Yonan Shabazz of Perla will speak at the First Baptist Church to-morrow morning at the regular hour of service. Rev. Shabazz is a finely educated man, having received his training in this country, and is highly recommended by Dr. R. S. Mac Arthur and other New York pastors.

The Rev. James Coffin Stought of St. Augustine, Florida, will preach to-morrow morning in the First Presbyterian Church at the union service of the First Church and Westminster Church congregations. The Rev. Mr. Coffin will preach at the evening service.

Golf at Glen Ridge.

The qualifying round for the July cup was played on the Glen Ridge Golf Club links Monday. The first eight named will play in Class A; second in Class B, and the six remaining in Class C. The score: E. Oadmus, 36; J. S. Olney, 32; H. F. Lee, 33; H. D. Smith, 34; H. Paine, 34; W. H. Hark, 35; H. E. Davis, 36; E. C. Thompson, 38; R. B. Gordon, 101; D. H. Standish, 102; J. Pittman, 101; L. L. Smith, 104; W. E. Seymour, 105; E. W. Congdon, 107; W. G. Stone, 111; L. M. Oide, 111; A. F. Bachman, 112; W. Fort, 113; F. Lindemeyer, 113.

TOWN COUNCIL.

Trouble Over an Oakland Avenue Light—Close Competition for Sewer Connection—Contract—Complaint About "Hollywood" Park's Unattractive Messing—Water Main Extension Bonds Authorized.

Kerry Tanner, the Rev. Frederic W. Bule and the Rev. Charles A. Opek petitioned the Town Council on Monday night to change the location of an incandescent light on Oakland avenue. The present location of the light is objectionable to the petitioners. Every morning of late when Mr. Samuel Shawcross, who has charge of the electric lights, calls at the police station to receive the report of lights "not burning," made by the police, this particular Oakland avenue light is on the list, and every day Mr. Shawcross puts the light in order. It is well known that some one tampers with the light, and on Thursday night of this week a boy was seen to climb the pole and put the light out of working order. The matter has been reported both to the police and the lighting company.

There was close competition for the job of making house sewer connections when bids for that work were opened Monday night. A new firm, Maddox & Smith, put in a bid of \$10.75 for making the connections, and as this was the lowest price yet named for the work the knowing ones all thought that the veteran Callahan was beaten. But when Mr. Callahan's bid was opened the price named in it was \$10.50.

Henry Foster of Newark avenue, Fairview, requested the Council to use its influence in stopping the building of shanties on the old Kilnball property, where over fifty lots had been sold to Italians. Councilman Farrand said he had seen the real estate firm which owns the property, and he had been told that it would sell to any one who had the price. The matter was referred to the law committee.

An ordinance was introduced providing for the extension of the public water pipe system of the town by issuing bonds in the amount of \$5,000, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent. The bonds will bear date of September 1, 1906, and be issued in denominations of \$2,500 and be paid \$5,000 annually from date of issue. Councilman Murray wanted the entire \$5,000 payable in one year from date of issue, but Chairman Green of the water committee objected on account of the effect on the tax rate.

Presbyterian Union Services.

The congregations of the First and Westminster Presbyterian churches will hold eight union services, beginning to-morrow. The meetings for the first four weeks will be in the First Church and the following four weeks' services will be in the Westminster Church. The preachers will be as follows: First Church, July 22, morning, Rev. James Coffin Stout of St. Augustine, Fla.; evening, Rev. George Louis Curtis; July 29, Rev. George Louis Curtis; August 5, Rev. J. Frederick Fitcher, Jr., of Utica, N. Y.; August 13, Rev. Dr. James Beveridge Lee, Westminster, August 19, Rev. Dr. John H. Kerr of New York; August 26, Rev. Adolus Allen of Cranbury; September 2 and 9, Rev. Dr. George A. Paull.

Bitten by a Dog.

Francis Thornton of New York was attacked by a dog in Linden avenue, Glen Ridge, last Saturday afternoon. The animal bit him on the calf of the leg, tore his clothing and would have undoubtedly done him more harm but for Wm. Ereland, who rode by in an automobile. Ereland stopped his machine and went to Thornton's assistance and drove the brute off with a wrench. He then took Thornton to the home of a physician, where the wound was cauterized.

Death of Ellen McGrath.

Mrs. Ellen McGrath, wife of John McGrath, died last Saturday afternoon at her home, No. 66 New street. She was 66 years old and her death was due to a complication of diseases. Mrs. McGrath was an old resident of this town and was one of the original members of the Church of the Sacred Heart, from which her funeral was held Monday. The interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Fremont Street Row.

Residents of Fremont street do not propose to let the assault on two Italian musicians last Saturday afternoon by a gang of hoodlums rest without a full investigation. One of the gang, Steven Shaw, was fined ten dollars, but eye witnesses of the affair say that the punishment was inadequate. One of the Italians had his skull fractured in the assault.

Injured by Trolley Car.

William Ashley, son of Charles Ashley of Myrtle avenue, who was injured with others by being swept from the rearboard of a trolley car on Bloomfield avenue, opposite Branch Brook Park, on June 25th, is still confined to his bed. Ashley's leg was badly hurt.

The New Political Issue.

Sunday beer selling and not limited franchise is likely to be the predominant issue in politics in the fall. There is considerable alarm felt among the Colbyites over the prospect of the overshadowing of their legitimate issue by something new in the form of a popular revolt against the bishop's bill.

George L. Record, the prominent leader in the Colby movement, has written a strong and remarkable letter to the Rev. Charles E. Nash, an anti-saloon league agitator. Mr. Record says in part:

"My general instinct is to work with any class of people who are laboring to improve existing conditions, or who think they are, and for that reason, I find it hard not to help you. But I am strongly opposed to your action in trying to raise this issue at the present time."

"If you are going to put into the category of crime the personal habits of a large body of our people, I do not think it is fair that a majority of one vote at a popular election should be sufficient to do it, but the best reason is that unless you can carry local option by a pronounced majority, the law is not likely to be enforced. The practical objection that I have to your movement at this time, however, is that if you succeed in attracting public attention to your issue, you will throw into utter confusion the fight for representative government in this State. The corporations control our politics by owning the political machines of both parties. This is a much greater evil than intemperance, in my opinion, because it involves the very existence of representative government. Some of us, by almost incredible sacrifices and labors have managed to get this issue quite clearly before the public. The public can only settle one issue at a time."

"If we are defeated this fall, it will be due in my judgment entirely to the fact that you have injected an issue which, however, righteous, it may be in itself, is not our issue, and cannot be settled at the same time with our issue. If you succeed in attracting any considerable interest to your issue, the only effect will be to put the old political gang back in power and check the so-called Colby movement, and thus make all the work of the last three or four years in vain. Practical statesmanship in this country must work at one problem at a time. As you have waited all these years before forcing your issue, why can you not wait at least this year and let the fight out the question of the control of our political parties by the corporations? This fall and next fall will settle that issue, in my opinion, in our favor, if you help us instead of hindering us."

Charged With Robbery.

James Mooney and George Rose, two youths residing in this town, were arrested Saturday, charged with robbery. They confessed to having broken into the homes of Wilson D. Lyon in Hillside avenue, Glen Ridge, and John B. Pittman in Ridgewood avenue, that borough. Both robberies were committed last month.

Recorder Smith put the prisoners each under \$1,000 bail. Rose procured bonds, but Mooney was sent to jail.

In their confessions the prisoners said they entered the Lyon house after midnight. The two young men had been to the Glen Ridge station of the Lackawanna Railroad when a storm arose and Rose and Mooney sought shelter on the piazza of Lyon's home. Mooney, according to his own story, went prowling about, trying windows and doors. He found one of the latter unlocked and went upstairs and into a room where Mr. Lyon was sleeping and stole various articles.

Chief of Police Brown endeavored to get Rose and Mooney to confess to other robberies, but they denied all knowledge of anything else. Chief Brown, however, suspects them of being concerned in the recent robbery at the Glen Ridge postoffice.

Board of Health.

The Board of Health held its regular monthly meeting Thursday night. The session was a brief one and only routine business was transacted. It was reported by the inspector that several people who had been notified to have their premises connected with the sewer had failed to comply with the notice. The secretary of the board was directed to serve the delinquents with a final notice.

Mr. Keyler reported that he had made several ineffectual attempts to confer with parties who had complained about damage to their furniture from disinfectants. The secretary of the board was instructed to write to the parties and fix a date for a conference.

Second Ward Fire.

Firemen were called out last Saturday evening for a blaze in the stable of S. Levanduski in Franklin street. The structure was almost destroyed before the firemen succeeded in getting a stream on it. The fire was caused, it is believed, by spontaneous combustion among some hay. The damage was \$400.

COUNTY TAX BOARD.

GIVES DIRECTIONS TO SUBURBAN ASSESSORS.

They Must Follow Newark's Example and Increase Valuations—Personal Property Must Receive Special Attention—The County Board will Have Entire Control of Assessments and Tax Appeals.

The members of the newly created County Board of Taxation called a number of the tax assessors from the suburban municipalities of this county to the county house in Newark on Friday afternoon of last week to confer with them on the matter of assessing property, both personal and real, this current year. The county board held up as an example to the suburban assessors the action of the Newark Tax Commissioners in making an increase of nearly one hundred million in the city valuations, and intimated that they expected the assessors in the suburbs to make a proportionate increase.

Some of the assessors whose taxing districts consist almost wholly of farmland did not hesitate to say that it would be impossible for them to make any material increase.

The county board members said that due attention must be given to personal property and bank stocks and corporation stocks.

In the matter of assessing national bank stocks the assessors from this town asked what action should be taken in cases where the deductions to which national banks claimed to be legally entitled exceeded the capital stock and surplus.

Mr. Anderson, chairman of the county board, did not appear to think such a situation possible. The Newark Tax Commissioners, he said, were assessing national bank stock and he directed the local assessors to do it also.

The Bloomfield assessors contended that the national banks were now entitled to the exemption privileges of trust companies by reason of holding non-taxable securities to an amount in excess of their stock and surplus, but Mr. Anderson overruled the contention. Trust company capital stock, he said, was not assessed in Newark, but the trust companies paid on a large personal property assessment. The Fidelity Trust Company, he said, paid tax on an assessment of \$50,000. Many questions were asked in regard to the assessment of properties now covered on the exempt list.

The Bloomfield assessors asked if they would be obliged to assess the Newark city water mains that parallel the East Jersey Water Company's mains in Brookdale. Mr. Anderson said he would get an opinion from the assistant State attorney general on that matter.

The local assessors also asked some questions about the assessment of corporation property, particularly telegraph and telephone lines.

Assessors from other places asked many questions on that subject and others.

The county board asked the assessors to have their duplicates ready by Tuesday, August 7th, and deposit them with the county board for inspection and revision. Tax appeals in the future will have to be made to the county board and the revising of the tax lists will be done by the county board under the new law, home rule in the matter of property assessments is practically extinguished.

Trolley Changes.

Various changes have been made by the Public Service Corporation. The Essex and Passaic districts have been merged, and William B. Graham, formerly superintendent of the latter, has been placed in charge of all the lines within the two counties. Andrew Stewart, who has been district superintendent of Essex county, is made superintendent of the Bloomfield division, which includes the Caldwell, Valley road, and the Orange, Passaic and Paterson lines. These changes, it is claimed, have been made for the purpose of obtaining a higher state of efficiency in the trolley lines. Other changes have also been made throughout Essex, Passaic, Hudson and Bergen counties.

In the Hospital.

George Cramer of Long Branch, who has been in the employ of Hallinan Brothers, Broad street, for some time, is in the Mountsinai Hospital suffering from blood poisoning, the result of stepping upon a rusty nail a few days ago. The nail went through his shoe and entered his foot. Lockjaw is feared, and Cramer suffers much agony.

Fined Ten Dollars.

Nicholas Komoteaki, a driver for Charles Beyer, was fined \$10 by Recorder Cadmus Monday night for striking William Carew, eight years old, over the back with a whip. The lad had jumped on the rear of the wagon and was ordered off by the driver. As the boy jumped the whip was applied with such force as to leave a deep ridge on his back. This was displayed in court.